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## THE PLAGUE SITUATION.

*Porto Rico.*—It is five weeks since a human case of plague has occurred in Porto Rico. October 15 the finding of a plague-infected rat at Arecibo was reported. Arecibo is a seaport on the north coast, 40 miles west of San Juan. Its population is approximately 10,000. As noted in last week's Public Health Reports, the finding of occasional plague-infected rats in localities not previously known to be infected is to be expected. The control of the focus in San Juan has been accomplished. This was undoubtedly the principal and largest focus in the island. The lesser known foci have also been eradicated. The work still remains of cleaning up the occasional small foci that a systematic and thorough campaign will bring to light from time to time.

Although approximately 1,800 rats collected from all parts of the island are examined each week, the last previous infected rat was one found at Caguas September 27.

*California.*—A plague-infected ground squirrel was found in Contra Costa County, Cal., September 23.

*Philippine Islands.*—Two cases of plague were reported in Iloilo during the week ended August 31. These make a total of 5 cases reported in Iloilo since June.

## YELLOW FEVER.

In the State of Tabasco in Mexico a case of yellow fever was reported October 11 at Frontera and on October 12 two cases at San Juan Bautista and one case at Conduacan. In the State of Yucatan a case was reported September 30 at Carmen. In Frontera there were 9 cases during September and in San Juan Bautista 30 cases from June 23 to August 31. In Mexico cases have also been reported at Comalcalco, Espita, and Merida.

## CHOLERA.

Cholera is spreading in southern Japan. Cases have been reported at Osaka, Moji, Shimonoseki, Kyoto, and Kobe. On September 20 a total of 231 cases was reported for all Japan. On September 23, 330 cases were reported in Fukuoka-Ken.